GATHERING AND PICKING DEVICE

Abstract of the Disclosure

A gathering and picking device having a gathering element arranged on a first side of a picking gap. The gathering element is rotated about a predominantly vertical axis and is provided with carrier elements arranged to grasp standing plants and to introduce them into the picking gap in cooperation with a conveying element. The conveying element is arranged upstream and above the inlet of the picking gap on the side of the picking gap opposite from the gathering element. A picking unit is operable to move the plants downwardly through the picking gap, such that useful parts of the standing plants are separated.